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# Our Specialty—Daffodils for Naturalizing

Dear Friends and Gardeners:

Again we greet you and wish you "Happy bulb growing!" As usual we are offering for sale Holland-grown tulips, hyacinths, iris, crocus, and minor bulbs and our native daffodil bulbs grown in the Holland-like coastal plain of Tidewater Virginia.

We have been fortunate in having a good bulb growing season this spring, and we are proud to be able to offer you a good crop of nice fat, healthy daffodil bulbs grown in our fifteen-acre plantings. We recommend our daffodils for formal plantings in bulb gardens or borders and for informal plantings to give the effect of beautiful spring wildflowers in "naturalized" plantings on hillsides, in meadows, by lakes, or in light woods.

For planting in a small space it is interesting to buy a collection of a number of varieties, such as we offer on page 4 of this list. For naturalizing we suggest our bulbs as sold by the bushel or peck. Our mixtures give a succession of bloom over a period of four to six weeks. Of course a selection of all one variety will give a more brilliant effect while it is in bloom. Giant trumpet types are more showy, smaller flowers will bloom well a greater number of years without the bulbs having to be dug and replanted.

Sincerely,

(MRS.) SELINA L. HOPKINS.

**WE PREPAY ALL CHARGES** on all bulbs, including our bushel and peck offers, to all points EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. CUSTOMERS LIVING WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER will please add ten per cent to our prices for DAFFODILS to help with transportation charges. (This is necessary because daffodil bulbs are heavy, and the cost of transporting them is quite high.) Tulips and all other bulbs will be sent any place in this country postpaid.

**MINIMUM ORDERS:** One-half bushel may be bought at the bushel rate. Six or more bulbs may be bought at the dozen rate and 25 bulbs at the 100 rate.

**GUARANTEE:** Our bulbs are guaranteed to reach you in first-class condition. Packages should be opened at once on arrival and examined. Any molded bulbs reported within 10 days of receipt will be replaced free of charge.

**PRICE LIST:** If you do not intend to plant bulbs this year, you will do us and one of your friends a favor by passing this list on to another gardener.

**WHEN TO PLANT ALL BULBS:** Daffodils may be planted from Sept. 1 to Nov. 15 or until freezing weather sets in, but early planting is an advantage to them. Oct. 1 is early enough to start planting tulips, iris, crocus, hyacinths, and

minor bulbs, and these also may be planted up until time for the ground to freeze. In order to insure that a good selection of bulbs will still be available you should place your order as early as possible however.

**DELIVERY:** We start to fill our accumulated orders of daffodil bulbs about September 1. The tulips, crocus, hyacinths, and minor bulbs which we are offering for sale are Holland-grown. Orders for them will be filled as soon as possible after we receive our shipment from Holland, which should be by October 1.

**DEPTH TO PLANT:** Daffodils and hyacinths base 6 or 7 in. deep; tulips 4 in.; crocus and minor bulbs 3 in. deep.

**COMPLETE CULTURAL INSTRUCTIONS** will be inclosed in each order. Bulbs are easy to grow and will reward you richly for your effort.

**LABELING VARIETIES.** All varieties sold individually or in collections are separately packaged and labeled. Varieties sold in mixtures are not separated.

## RIVER'S EDGE NATURALIZING DAFFODILS

(A peck contains from 80 to 120 blooming-size bulbs.)

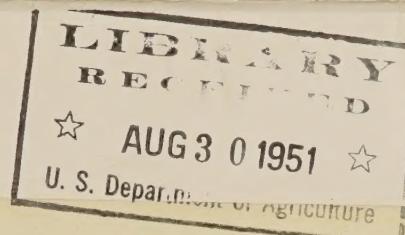
	Per Doz.	Per Peck	Per Bu.
KING ALFRED. (Yellow Trumpet.) Sometimes called "the perfect daffodil" (see picture); deep yellow, early.....	\$1.10	\$4.75	\$17.50
OLYMPIA. (Yellow Trumpet.) A gigantic yet graceful flower. Deep golden yellow trumpet, lighter petals, midseason .....	1.20	5.25	19.50
THE FIRST. (Yellow Trumpet.) Colored like Olympia, one of the first to bloom .....	1.20	5.25	19.50
BRIGHTLING. (Incomparabilis.) Primrose petals, crown large and flat, of rich orange with a wide double frilled margin of fiery orange-red, blooms midseason....	1.55	6.25	22.50
CROESUS. (Incomparabilis.) Lovely flower with canary yellow petals, crown of deep red, blooms midseason....	1.00	4.75	17.50
HELIOS. (Incomparabilis.) Golden-yellow petals, cup a little darker, hardy and prolific, an excellent naturalizer, blooms early .....	.95	4.25	15.50
SIR WATKINS. We recommend Helios instead.			
BONFIRE. (Barri.) Very pretty; lemon yellow petals, with brilliant scarlet center, blooms late.....	1.00	5.35	20.00
CHEERFULNESS. (Double.) Several small carnation-like flowers on a stem, each with a yellow center surrounded by white petals, blooms late.....	1.20	6.25	22.50

## OUR FAMOUS HANDMADE MIXTURES

(Mixed from named varieties at shipping time.)

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY MIXTURE.** A mixture of eight or more good varieties which are grown in large quantities for cut flowers in our section, includes King Alfred, Olympia, The First, Helios, Brightling, Bonfire, Croesus, and Cheerfulness, and may have some other fine varieties in it. \$4.95 per peck; \$17.50 per bu.; \$5.50 per 100.

**RIVER'S EDGE NOVELTY MIXTURE.** Contains the above eight varieties, also at least six other varieties such as Horace, Twink, Queen of the North, Magnificence, Scarlet Elegance, Mrs. E. H. Krelage, etc. \$5.45 per peck; \$20.00 per bu.; \$6.00 per 100.



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## Daffodil Bulbs

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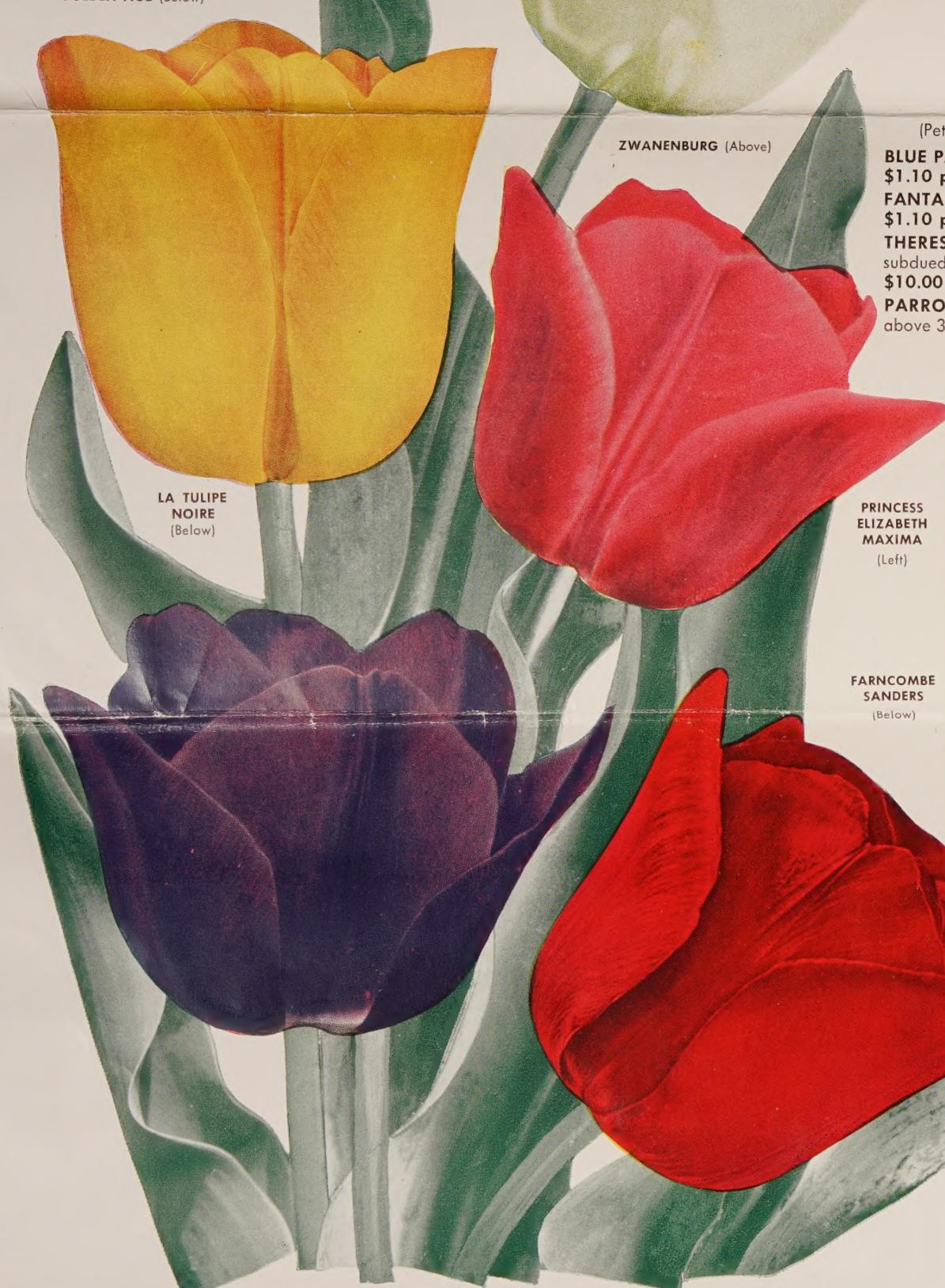
## EXHIBITION DARWIN TULIPS, GROWN IN HOLLAND



GOLDEN AGE (Below)



ZWANENBURG (Above)



LA TULIPE NOIRE (Below)

PRINCESS ELIZABETH MAXIMA (Left)

FARNCOMBE SANDERS (Below)

CHIONODOXA (Glory of the Snow) 100 for \$2.25

MUSCARI (Bluebird) 100 for \$3.50

	Doz.	Per 100
FARNCOMBE SANDERS.	Brilliant scarlet .....	\$1.00      \$7.50
GOLDEN AGE.	Bright golden yellow, strong grower .....	1.10      8.00
LA TULIPE NOIRE.	Unique bluish black, large .....	1.10      8.00
PRINCESS ELIZABETH.	Vivid, rosy pink .....	1.00      7.50
ZWANENBURG.	Pure white with black anthers .....	1.10      8.00

### DARWIN TULIP COLLECTION

3 each of above 5 varieties (15 bulbs) .....	\$1.55
6 each of above 5 varieties (30 bulbs) .....	2.90
25 each of above 5 varieties (125 bulbs) .....	9.35

KEISERSKROON. (Single Early Tulips.) Crimson scarlet with very attractive golden yellow edge. **\$1.20 per doz.; \$9.00 per 100.**

RED EMPEROR. A glorious scarlet-red tulip of remarkable size and substance. **\$1.30 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

RAINBOW MIXTURE OF TULIPS **\$7.25 per 100.**

### PARROT TULIPS

(Petals have fringed appearance.)

BLUE PARROT. (Right) Bright violet color. **\$1.10 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

FANTASY. Gorgeous pink Parrot Tulip. **\$1.10 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.**

THERÈSE. A very large Parrot Tulip of a subdued scarlet color. **\$1.30 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100.**

PARROT TULIP COLLECTION. 4 each of above 3 varieties (12 bulbs) **\$1.10.**

### BLUE PARROT



CHIONODOXA (Glory of the Snow) 100 for \$2.25



SNOWDROPS 100 for \$4.50



HYACINTH PINK PEARL  
(See other side of folder for complete listing of hyacinths.)



L'INNOCENCE  
Hyacinths  
20¢ each; \$2.30 per doz.



GRAND MAITRE  
Medium blue.

PRESIDENT LEBRUN. (Below) A very fine daffodil of the Bicolor Trumpet class. **3 for 70¢; \$2.40 per doz.**

DAFFODILS. The most satisfactory Dutch bulbs for growing in the United States.

KING ALFRED. (Lower Right) "The perfect daffodil." An old favorite, it has never been surpassed in popularity by newer introductions. It is typical of the Yellow Trumpet class of daffodils. (Olympia is also a very fine example of this class.) **\$1.10 per doz.; \$4.75 per peck; \$17.50 per bushel.**



SCILLA SIBIRICA (Blue)

100 for \$3.60

# River's Edge Flower Farm

Nuttall, Virginia

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(Only if different from Post Office)

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**PREPAYING OF SHIPMENTS:** We prepay all charges on all bulbs, including our bushel and peck offers of daffodils, to all points east of the Mississippi River. Customers living west of the Mississippi River will please add ten per cent to our prices for daffodils to help with transportation charges. Tulips and all other bulbs will be sent any place in this country prepaid.

**Cultural Directions Will Be Sent With Each Order**

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# DAFFODILS—More Recommended Varieties

**ACTAEA.** (Poeticus.) The largest poeticus in existence. Broad, snow-white perianth, large eye margined with dark red. Late. 3 for 40¢; \$1.30 per doz.

**ALCIDA.** (Small Cup.) Citron-yellow cup with orange frill; wide cream petals. Very late. 3 for 60¢; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

**BEERSHEBA.** (White Trumpet.) A very fine flower with perfect form and a pure white color throughout. Midseason. Each 40¢; 3 for \$1.10; \$4.00 per doz.

**DAMSON.** (Large Cup.) A striking looking flower with pale yellow petals and long fuschia cup. Midseason. 3 for 60¢; \$2.00 per doz.

**DICK WELLBAND.** (Large Cup.) The petals are pure white, and the cup is flame orange. A fine and striking flower. Late. 3 for 80¢; \$2.70 per doz.

**EXPECTATION.** (Small Cup.) Red-edged, heavily crinkled cup, white petals. Late. 3 for 40¢; \$1.30 per doz.

**FORTUNE.** (Large Cup.) A famous daffodil. Perianth clear yellow; soft glowing orange cup. Early. Each 25¢; 3 for 70¢; \$2.50 per doz.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION No. 1

Bonfire	Croesus	Lady Diana Manners
Brightling	Helios	Olympia
Cheerfulness	Horace	The First
	King Alfred	
3 each of 10 varieties (30 bulbs).....	\$ 2.95	
6 each of 10 varieties (60 bulbs).....	5.25	
12 each of 10 varieties (120 bulbs).....	8.50	
25 each of 10 varieties (250 bulbs).....	15.50	

**FRANCISCUS DRAKE.** (Large Cup.) Pure white petals of unusual substance, cup golden yellow at base shading to flaming orange at the frilled edge. Late. 3 for 50¢; \$1.70 per doz.

**GERANIUM.** (Poetaz.) Tall stems carry 3 to 5 blooms each. Flowers are white with geranium-red centers. Late. 3 for 45¢; \$1.60 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100.

**GOLDEN HARVEST.** (Yellow Trumpet.) A giant daffodil with a deep golden yellow color throughout. Early. 3 for \$1.00; \$3.50 per doz.

**HER GRACE.** (Large Cup.) Large ivory cup, white petals. A true aristocrat. Late. 3 for 70¢; \$2.40 per doz.

**HORACE.** (Poeticus.) White with scarlet eye, sweet-scented, dainty and pretty. Very late. 3 for 30¢; \$1.00 per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

**KILLEGREW.** (Large Cup.) Overlapping bright yellow perianth; large, bright orange-red cup. Midseason. 3 for 60¢; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

**LADY DIANA MANNERS.** (Small Cup.) Pure white petals; expanded yellow crown, margined with deep red. Late. 3 for 50¢; \$1.50 per doz.

**LA RIANTE.** (Small Cup.) Pure white perianth, deep red cup. Midseason. 3 for 70¢; \$2.40 per doz.; \$18.00 per 100.

**LOVENEST.** (Pink Trumpet.) Pinkish-apricot trumpet, white petals. An unusual looking daffodil. Midseason. 40¢ each; 3 for \$1.10.

## GARDEN COLLECTION No. 2

Expectation	Mr. R. M. Tobin	Queen of the North
Killegrew	Mrs. E. H. Krelage	Sulphur Phoenix
La Rante	Mrs. Langtry	Yellow Poppy
	Nobility	
3 each of 10 varieties (30 bulbs).....	\$ 3.50	
6 each of 10 varieties (60 bulbs).....	6.50	
12 each of 10 varieties (120 bulbs).....	12.25	

**MAGNIFICENCE.** (Yellow Trumpet.) Giant yellow trumpet, opens very early. Heavily frilled at brim of trumpet; deep golden color. 3 for 70¢; \$2.20 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

**M.R. R. M. TOBIN.** (Large Cup.) White petals, large yellow cup. Blooms mid-season. 3 for 80¢; \$2.65 per doz.

**MRS. E. H. KRELAGE.** (White Trumpet.) Often described as "the white King Alfred." Midseason. 3 for 40¢; \$1.30 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100.

**MRS. LANGTRY.** (Small Cup.) A small white flower, dainty and pretty. Late. 3 for 30¢; \$1.00 per doz.

**MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE.** (Large Cup.) The best known pink trumpet daffodil. Ivory-white petals, long trumpet, apricot frilled edge. Late. Each 50¢; 3 for \$1.40; \$5.50 per doz.

**MOUNT HOOD.** (White Trumpet.) A beautifully formed, large white daffodil. Very fine. Midseason. Each 50¢; 3 for \$1.40; \$5.00 per doz.

**NOBILITY.** (Small Cup.) A large white flower with flat yellow crown, edged with orange in cool weather. Late. 3 for 40¢; \$1.30 per doz.

**PRIDE OF VIRGINIA.** (Small Cup.) A large, tall flower with a red-edged cup and white petals. Late. 3 for 60¢; \$2.00 per doz.

**QUEEN OF THE NORTH.** (Small Cup.) White, round petals; ruffled primrose small cup. Late. 3 for 30¢; \$1.00 per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

**RED CROSS.** (Large Cup.) Large strong flower with primrose perianth and orange cup. Midseason. 3 for 50¢; \$1.70 per doz.; \$13.00 per 100.

**ROBIN HOOD.** (Trumpet.) A giant flower with golden petals and a large orange trumpet. Very striking. Midseason. 3 for 60¢; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

## EXHIBITION COLLECTION No. 3

Alcida	Her Grace	Robin Hood
Damson	Magnificence	Scarlet Gem
Franciscus Drake	Pride of Virginia	Twink
	Red Cross	

1 each of 10 varieties (10 bulbs).....	\$ 1.75
3 each of 10 varieties (30 bulbs).....	5.00
6 each of 10 varieties (60 bulbs).....	9.75

**SCARLET ELEGANCE.** (Large Cup.) One of the finest newer red cups. Beautiful coloring; petals deep yellow, cup deep orange red. Midseason. 3 for 70¢; \$2.50 per doz.; \$18.00 per 100.

**SCARLET GEM.** (Poetaz.) A colorful cluster-flower with a number of deep yellow heads with red centers on each stem. Very pretty. Late. 3 for 50¢; \$1.75 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100.

**SULPHUR PHOENIX.** (Double.) A beautiful large double white flower. Like a big rose. Late. 3 for 30¢; \$1.00 per doz.

**THALIA.** (Triandrus.) Three delicately formed white blossoms crown each stalk. Late. 3 for 60¢; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

**TWINK.** (Double.) The leading double, primrose and apricot. A large, fine flower. Early. 3 for 60¢; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

**YELLOW POPPY.** (Large Cup.) Soft yellow throughout. Petals overlap. Late. 3 for 30¢; \$1.00 per doz.

## CONNOISSEUR COLLECTION No. 4

Actaea	Fortune	Mrs. R. O. Backhouse
Beersheba	Geranium	Scarlet Elegance
Dick Wellband	Golden Harvest	Thalia
Lovenest		

1 each of 10 varieties (10 bulbs).....	\$ 2.70
3 each of 10 varieties (30 bulbs).....	7.90
6 each of 10 varieties (60 bulbs).....	15.25

## DUTCH IRIS. (Bulbous.)

(For outdoor planting only.)

(Require some protection in Northern States.)

**IMPERATOR.** Rich dark blue. Very large. 60¢ per doz.; \$4.50 per 100.

**YELLOW QUEEN.** Soft clear yellow. 60¢ per doz.; \$4.50 per 100.

**WHITE EXCELSIOR.** Rich snow-white. 70¢ per doz.; \$5.00 per 100.

**DUTCH IRIS MIXED.** 60¢ per doz.; \$4.50 per 100.

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Prices, all varieties, 20¢ each; \$2.30 per doz.; \$18.00 per 100.

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## River's Edge Flower Farm

Nuttall, Virginia

## Your Reward for Ordering Early

If your order is selected from this price list, mailed us before August 30, 1951, and accompanied by remittance in full, you may deduct FIVE PER CENT cash discount from our list prices. We will also include a surprise packet of bulbs when we fill orders placed by this date.

Please save price list for fall use.  
No other list will be issued this year.

# Daffodils are Harvested at River's Edge Farm

Reprinted from Richmond Times-Dispatch, April 1, 1951



Mrs. Selina Hopkins, of River's Edge Flower Farm admires a bunch of choice daffodils gathered from one of her fields.

BY—HAMILTON CROCKFORD  
Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

NUTTALL, VA., March 31—Mrs. Selina L. Hopkins just about abandoned housekeeping a couple of weeks ago and took to gathering posies. Lunch will continue to be irregular or missing for three weeks yet.

It wasn't simply a walkout, or just Spring fever—although that had something to do with it:

The daffodils had it. Here in Gloucester County they were bursting into bloom again. (The daffodil show at Gloucester is on today and tomorrow.)

Everybody in Gloucester County has a daffodil patch. Mrs. Hopkins has some 15 acres of them.

## Bread and Beauty

And since they supply her table with bread as well as beauty, picking posies in March for her has only an incidental resemblance to gathering nuts in May.

So, beauty being fragile, business on her "River's Edge" flower farm here, a couple miles east of the courthouse, is bustling these days—everywhere except the kitchen.

Every clear morning the pickers show up at her fields. Every afternoon a truck shows up at her packing house for a shipment to go somewhere.

And every day, all day, an elderly widow turned business woman gets about to all corners of the place to supervise the operations from picking to packing.

If it's a frosty morning, the daffodils will have their heads down, and there's no picking then. But when

they look up and dance in glee like Wordsworth's, beside the North River here, the nimble-fingered pickers must move fast.

## Money for Pickers

[There's money in it for the pickers, while it lasts, at 2 cents per bunch of a dozen, 25 bunches to the basket, and some people picking 20 baskets in a day's working time, the owner observed.]

The job must be done by noon, if possible, Mrs. Hopkins noted, to leave enough time for cooling the flowers to stiffen their stems, and for packing before the truck comes. She drives her car out into the fields to direct the work.

The baskets go into troughs of water to stay until the stems are "cool to the hand." Then the packers take over, gently placing them 30, 36 or 50 bunches to the box, according to the size of the flower variety, and bracing it to be sure the blossoms don't bruise.

While this is going on, the phone may be ringing with a long distance order from somewhere, and Mrs. Hopkins will be off into the house to take it.

A daily broadcast of prices in New York is also "must" listening for her or her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hammer, who live with her, and grow more daffodils of their own.

## Market Perishable

The market can be as perishable as a daffodil, if there's a temporary glut in one place: The New York price dropped from 50 cents a dozen on a Saturday to 10 cents by the



Workers Pick Daffodils on River's Edge Farm



Mrs. Hopkins Superintends Packing of Daffodils

next Thursday, they noted. They shifted destinations, accordingly, just before truck time.

Mrs. Hopkins, who moves unruffled through this melee, got into flower farming on her own rather later than most.

An aunt of actress Katherine Hepburn, she was born Selina Hepburn, the daughter of a Hanover County Episcopal minister, in 1878, and married N. S. Hopkins in 1900.

From general farming on his family's old place here, "Waverley," first owned by Philip Edward Tabb, he went into bulb growing seriously about 1922. He developed a couple of varieties himself. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hopkins observed with a smile, genealogy and Gloucester County history were her chief occupations.

But when her husband died in 1937, and her four children wondered what she ought to do, she decided simply, "It was the only living I had," she said. She turned to daffodils.

She'll be 73 on April 9, but it's easy to agree with her own summing up, that "getting outdoors with the flowers agreed with me."

She sells a dozen or so commercial varieties and a few boxes each year of an estimated 100 other varieties.

And while she'll be getting back to a little more housekeeping after about April 20, she won't tarry long

at a time.

## Has Bulb Trade

She's worked up a bulb trade, too, and does about as much business selling the increase of her bulbs in the Fall as selling flowers in Spring.

Selling only to home gardeners and florists rather than large wholesalers, she's shipped them now to every State except Montana, she said. (Everything goes out with a tag noting the bulbs were State-inspected and found free of the plagueish ellworm and narcissus bulb fly, Hammer pointed out.) And she "grades bulbs with the boys all summer."

They have to be dug every one to four years, she noted, and where they grew the fields must be planted alternately to soybeans and Winter clover, sometimes for two years, and these turned under, until the ground is right for bulbs again.

After cleaning, drying, chemical treating and curing, the bulbs for replanting go back in the ground from September to Christmas. It's a year-round business.

"The only time I get any peace at all is when I get them all patted down in the ground in the Winter," Selina Hopkins said, "And then I have to work on my income tax."

But she was smiling at a cluster of her "Magnificence" when she said it.